

# 2021-2022 School Pulse Panel

## What is the School Pulse Panel?

Every student in America deserves a high-quality education in a safe environment. This promise, which was already out of reach for too many, has been further threatened by the COVID-19 pandemic. We are asking you and your school to participate in a study sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. The study is the **School Pulse Panel**, and the information you provide is essential to understanding the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on K-12 education - especially as new variants and challenges emerge.

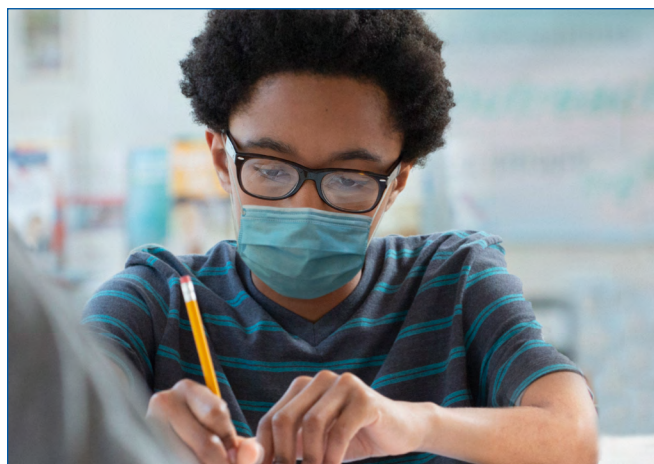
## Why should my school participate?

Your participation ensures that your school is included in important decisions regarding resource allocation as the country recovers from the pandemic. Your school's responses provide national, state, and local education leaders with the information needed to make evidence-based decisions about policy and supporting recovery efforts. Each school in the School Pulse Panel sample was selected to represent schools with similar characteristics, making your participation critical. Beginning in January 2022, your school will be asked to complete a brief 30-minute survey every month for up to 12 months.

For each month of participation, the school will be offered \$400. For most schools, these reimbursements will be paid out quarterly to you in the form of a debit card.

## How do I participate?

Your participation begins in January 2022 - and then every month for up to 12 months. Each school will designate a point of contact that will be responsible for completing the survey. Your school's designated point



of contact will receive an invitation to complete the School Pulse Panel survey via email. The email will include a link to the survey, which should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. On behalf of the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), the Census Bureau is collecting the information. A new survey invitation will be issued each month from the email address [addp.school.pulse.panel@census.gov](mailto:addp.school.pulse.panel@census.gov). All participation is voluntary.

## Does the person completing the School Pulse Panel have to be the principal?

No. We initially identified the principal at each school as the School Pulse Panel point of contact, but you are welcome to delegate completion of the survey to another staff member who is knowledgeable about student enrollment and other programs at the school.



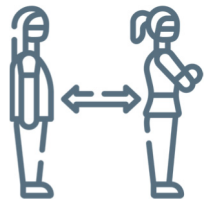
### **Instructional Modes**

In-person, virtual  
& hybrid learning



### **Technology**

Computer devices  
& internet access



### **Mitigation Strategies**

To reduce risk of spread  
of COVID-19



### **School Staffing**

Administrative, teacher  
& support staff vacancies



### **Special Education & Mental Health Services**

Changes in programs  
& challenges



### **Will you ask the same questions every month?**

Some questions may remain on the survey from month to month to detect how schools are experiencing and adapting to change. Other questions may rotate in and out. Topics may include instructional mode, enrollment counts of subgroups of students, pandemic-related learning needs, virus spread mitigation strategies, services offered for students and staff, technology use or information on staffing.

### **Other important information**

Please be assured that by federal mandate we are required to protect the responses of all schools included in our survey. Individual responses will be combined with those from other participants to produce summary statistics and reports. No teacher or student time is required to complete the survey.

### **Questions?**

If you have any questions about the study, contact the U.S. Census Bureau at 1-844-868-3661 or via e-mail at [addp.school.pulse.panel@census.gov](mailto:addp.school.pulse.panel@census.gov). The Census Bureau is collecting the data for NCES.